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says, this law specifically doesn't say anything about negotiating. Now the problem we have is that when the Governor forgets we sometimes ought to remind him. This will not be opening up negotiations with the Legislature. It will still be done by the Governor's negotiating team. It will still be done by the Governor's negotiating team and the Legislature will have only the ratification approval of that contract. This only reminds the Governor of what the law is and takes away all his objections that he has had to fairly negotiating wages, hours and working conditions. If the Governor doesn't want to make any improvements in wages, hours and working conditions, all he has to say is I will not negotiate this point but right now he throws the responsibility back at the Legislature saying that we have not clarified his responsibility. This amendment only clarifies the Governor's responsibility, the Governor's negotiating team's responsibility and prevents him from throwing that responsibility back to the Legislature. It does not make any changes in the law. It is not important. All it does is remind the Governor who sometimes forgets that it is his responsibility to do what is right and negotiate with these employees. If he doesn't want to do what is right, then he doesn't have to. That is totally within the negotiating process but at least he won't be able to throw it back in our faces and say that we have not said that he could do it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The question is, shall this bill be returned. Record your vote. Have you all voted?

SENATOR NEWELL: I would like to have a Call of the House and a roll call vote. I take it back. 26 votes is...

PRESIDENT: Record the vote.

CLERK: 8 ayes, 27 nays.

PRESIDENT: Motion fails. While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and have hereby signed LR 17.

CLERK: Mr. President, we have a new resolution #10 put in by Senator Kelly calling for a study by the Legislature, by the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee to deal with problems of teenage child alcoholism. That will be referred to the Executive Board, Mr. President. Mr. President, Senator Merz and Senator Burrows ask that we announce that there will be a tour of the Beatrice Development Center on Thursday, March 10th. Transportation will be furnished and we leave immediately upon adjournment. Mr. President, your Education Committee gives notice of a hearing. Signed Senator Frank Lewis, Chairman. Mr. President, Public Works asks unanimous consent to hold a hearing on Monday, March 14th at 1 o'clock on LB 510.

PRESIDENT: Is there an objection? It is so ordered.

CLERK: Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to set out in full in the Journal the vote on Senator Chambers' amendment to strike section 40 of LB 38. Signed Senator Simon. Mr. President, I move to return LB 294 to Select File for specific amendment and, Mr. President, he simply asks that